

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | 5th SUNDAY OF LENT | 06 April 2025

**“Did I not tell
you that if you
believed, you
would see the
glory of God?”**

John 11:40

PRAYER---FASTING--- GIVING

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Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm

Sunday Mass – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

Baptism – every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation – for Grade 7 & up

registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 &

up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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St. Stanislaus April 11th

Pray for us.

**“Faith is not the clinging to a
shrine but an endless
pilgrimage of the heart.”**



“I am the resurrection and the life;” “Whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!” John 11:25-26

The 1st reading of today is from the book of Prophet Ezekiel from his well-known prophecy the Vision, of the **“Scattered Dry Bones in the Plain.”** The People of Israel had made a Covenant with the Lord, God but they abandoned Him many times, and in the process sucked life out of themselves leaving themselves empty, dry and cold!

Nothing that they created for themselves could help them! Nobody, including their Kings could save them, but only He, who from the Beginning, breathed Life into them; God their Creator and Father.

Ezekiel in this prophecy foretold a moment in time when God in His Son, would intervene; gather his people together, and breath life anew into these lifeless bones.

Today, in the Gospel reading, as Lazarus comes out of the tomb alive, Jesus fulfilled Ezekiel's Prophecy; He is **“the life-giving-presence among his People.”**

The Rising of Lazarus as in every Miracle in St. John's Gospel had the purpose of revealing Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah.

These past Sundays, Jesus has been revealed to us as “the source of the living Water” in his encounter with the Samaritan Woman and last Sunday as the “Light of the World, with the healing of the Man Born Blind.” The Samaritan Woman and the Man Born Blind were depicted as on a journey; A Journey of Faith.

Today, in the Miracle (Sign) of the Raising of Lazarus, the “disciple who is on this journey of Faith,” is Martha; the sister to Lazarus.

When Martha heard that Jesus was on the way, she run out to meet him. Her first words were, **“Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died ...”** Here, Martha confessed Jesus just as a Miracle Worker; and acknowledged that Christ's earlier presence would have made a difference in her brother's life, but Jesus as the miracle worker was absent thus failed to save her brother.

Jesus responded to correct Martha's misunderstanding and informed her that Lazarus will rise! Martha again fails to acknowledge the power of Resurrection in the Person of Jesus and rather schooled Jesus on the Jewish Traditional Teaching about resurrection - **“Resurrection on the last day.”**

At this moment, Jesus took the initiative away from Martha; and centered the Resurrection on his Person.

“I am the resurrection and the life;” “Whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die!”

Jesus calls Martha to this Faith to which she responded with a better understanding; **“Yes Lord.” “I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who is to come into the world!”**

It is one thing, however, to profess Faith, it's quite another to put that Faith into practice when reality demands!

Martha, failed yet again when they came to the tomb; when Jesus requested the stone to be rolled away, she attempted to stop the action; **“Lord he has been in the Tomb for four days!” “There is already a stench!”**

Jesus again had to wrestle the initiative from Martha; **“Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”**

Adopting a position of prayer and lifting up his eyes to Heaven; Jesus prayed; expressing his gratitude and absolute trust in the communion with the Father, and then commanded Lazarus to come out, and Lazarus walked out bound. Jesus then commanded them; **“Untie him and let him go.”**

Scripture says; **“Many came to believe in Him.”** Likewise, Martha, as a disciple, saw and believed in Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life.

Martha had ascended from moments of “Partial Faith” to truly believing in Jesus as the Christ; the Son of God. Like Martha, we are all called to this Faith!

Next Sunday, with the Palm Sunday, we begin the final ascend with Jesus to Jerusalem to celebrate yet again, the Solemn Festivities of Our Salvation; Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Let us pray, then, that we may be granted the Grace to Believe. †



Catechism of the Catholic Church

III. THE MEANING AND SAVING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

651 "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."⁵²⁰ The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised.

652 Christ's Resurrection is the fulfilment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself during his earthly life.⁵²¹ The phrase "in accordance with the Scriptures"⁵²² indicates that Christ's Resurrection fulfilled these predictions.

653 The truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed by his Resurrection. He had said: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he."⁵²³ The Resurrection of the crucified one shows that he was truly "I AM", the Son of God and God himself. So St. Paul could declare to the Jews: "What God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you.'"⁵²⁴ Christ's Resurrection is closely linked to the Incarnation of God's Son, and is its fulfilment in accordance with God's eternal plan.

654 The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace.⁵²⁶ It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ's brethren, as Jesus himself called his disciples after his Resurrection: "Go and tell my brethren."⁵²⁷ We are brethren not by nature, but by the gift of grace, because that adoptive filiation gains us a real share in the life of the only Son, which was fully revealed in his Resurrection. [Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 05, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +The Parishioners
Apr 06-Sun 9:00AM + Eugenia & Isaías Porte
12:15PM +Constancia & Asuncion Occiano
5:30 PM + Cristina Soriano
Apr 07 -Mon, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Sally S.
Apr 08-Tue, 9:00AM + Ruperto Frilles
Apr 09-Wed 7:00PM + Gorgonia Tulio
Apr 10-Thu, 9:00AM Thanksgiving of Chichi M.
+ Jose Laurel
Apr 11-Fri, 7:00PM Thanksgiving-Flory Revina
Apr 12-Sat, 9:00AM + Go Sam Sr. & Go Sam Jr.

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention

Apr 5- 11, 2025

Sanctuary--- Healing of Nida Donado
 Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan
 Chapel -

WORD OF THE WEEK **"RESURRECTION"**

-the action or fact of restoring a dead person to life, or of being restored to life;
(Oxford languages)

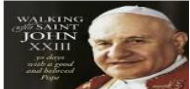
Resurrection is the rising again from the dead, the resumption of life. The Fourth Lateran Council teaches that all men whether elect or reprobate, "will rise again with their own bodies which they now bear about with them" (cap. "Firmiter").
www.Catholic.com

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention- April 2025- For the use of the new Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



Our Patron Saint...



"Peace is before all else an interior thing, belonging to the spirit, and its fundamental condition is a loving and filial dependence on the will of God." Pope John XXIII

St. Stanislaus April 11th

Well known for his care of the poor, Stanislaus was born in Szczepanow, Poland, about 1010. In 1072 he became bishop of Krakow. Vocal in his criticism of King Boleslav's behaviour, Stanislaus was killed by the king himself during the celebration of Mass. Boleslav later fled to relatives in Hungary, where he spent his life as a penitent in a Benedictine abbey. Stanislaus was canonized in 1253 and is one of the patrons of Poland.

(Living with Christ, April 2025 ed.)

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors—Proclaimers of God's words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women's League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

If you are interested to join, please email us at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us." St. John XXIII

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Francis continues to improve at Casa Santa Marta

To read more, click this link >>> [Pope Francis continues to improve at Casa Santa Marta - Vatican News](#)



MESSAGE FOR LENT 2025 FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO

Monday, March 03, 2025



INVITATION FROM CARDINAL LEO – SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – PROCESSION & RESOURCES
Thursday, March 27, 2025



IMAGE OF MARY ARRIVES AT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES
Monday, March 24, 2025

NEWS | ARCHDIOCESAN | NEWS

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link above to read the full text of the news****



Announcements!!!

- FHC candidates and parents, please email the office to book your child for Test 3;**
- April 9th at 7:30pm after the 7pm Mass is the Parish Confession. There will several guest priests to give confession;**
- St. Vincent de Paul Bundle up Sunday on April 12 & 13, 2025;**
- April 13- Palm Sunday- blessings of Palms in all Sunday Masses & Vigil Mass on Saturday.**





JUBILEE 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Pilgrimage Churches *identified*

holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year.

Archdiocesan- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

Central Region

- St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto
- St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (Bathurst St)
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

Western Region

- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

Easter Region

- St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa

Northern Region

- St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg
- St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

Shrines - Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our
hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven
and a new earth,*

*when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen*

Franciscus

LENT - 2025



PRAYER



Fasting



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- Spend time with the Lord
- Attend Mass daily
- Read the Bible
- Attend Lenten Retreat
- Jubilee Pilgrimages
- Do the Station of the Cross

- * Give up watching TV
- * No Meat in all Fridays
- * Less phone screen time
- * No gossiping
- * Less shopping
- * Do not drink coffee for today

- * Share your blessings
- * Volunteering
- * Visit the sick
- * Say kind words
- * Feed the homeless
- * Pray for the pope & the clergy

From the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

[Journey through Lent 2025 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

[Journey Through Lent Video Series: Weekly Reflections for the Lenten Season - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

Click the link above to watch the video

Other Resources, click the link below:

[Archdiocese of Toronto - Resources for the Season of Lent](#)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -----Every Friday at 6:30pm





LENT 2025

Message of Pope Francis for Lent:

"This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance."

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND ACTIVITIES

April 9 - 7:30PM Parish Confession (several priests are available for confession)

PARISH REFLECTION

April 12 – 9:00AM- 1:00PM

Begin with the 9am Mass--> Talk & reflection --> Concluded with the Adoration
(Light Snack will be served)

April 12 – 5:15 PM – **Vigil Mass Palm Sunday** (blessing of Palms)

April 13 – 9:00 AM, 12:15PM, 5:30PM – **Palm Sunday Masses** (blessings of Palms)

April 14 – 7:00 PM – **Holy Monday**

April 15 – 7:00 PM – **Holy Tuesday** (There is no 9AM Mass)

April 16 – 7:00 PM – **Holy Wednesday**

April 17 – **Holy Thursday** (There is no 9AM Mass)

7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 PM - 11:00PM, Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

April 18 – GOOD FRIDAY

2:00 PM – Station of the Cross

3:00 PM – Service & Veneration of the Cross

April 19 – **Holy Saturday** – (no 9AM Mass)

8:00 PM – **Easter Vigil Mass** – with the Baptism of the 5 Catechumens

April 20 – EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

9:00AM, 12:15PM, 5:30PM